## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION MDL No. 1456

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**ALL ACTIONS** 

CIVIL ACTION: 01-CV-12257-PBS

Judge Patti B. Saris

## CLASS PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO POSTPONE SUMMARY JUDGMENT HEARING ON TRACK 1 BY SIX BUSINESS DAYS

Class plaintiffs hereby move this Court for a postponement of the summary-judgment hearing on Track 1 (Class 3) from October 26th to November 6, 2006 (the date currently reserved for the first day of trial on Track 1).

Put simply, plaintiffs' current schedule sandwiches the October 26th hearing date between other critical events that are imposed on the plaintiffs (but not the defendants). On October 24, 2006, plaintiffs are due to file responses to the 1,000 plus exhibits and 100 or so deposition designations served by defendants. On October 27, 2006, the plaintiffs are required to file all trial affidavits and findings of fact and conclusions of law. Thus, the October 26th hearing date is smack in the middle of two other critical dates that the plaintiffs are working round-the-clock to meet, but which defendants are not. Requiring some of plaintiffs counsel to travel to Boston to conduct a hearing at that time imposes an unfair obligation on plaintiffs that is not borne by defendants since defendants do not need to meet either the 24th or 27th dates since the Court has extended defendants' witness affidavits to a date after.

Moreover, all issues to be argued at the summary-judgment hearing are matters that the parties will argue during the trial and the Court has entered an order stating it will not rule on these motions prior to the trial. Subject to the courts discretion, parties can argue summary-judgment issues in their opening statements at the trial or during the trial itself. Thus, no party is prejudiced by the postponement of the October 26th hearing.

Plaintiffs have requested that the defendants assent to the postponement of the October 26th hearing, but at least one defendant has declined. Accordingly, in the interest of fairness and justice we ask for this modest postponement.

DATED: October 18, 2006. By /s/ Steve W. Berman

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I, Steve W. Berman, hereby certify that I am one of plaintiffs' attorneys and that, on October 18, 2006, I caused copies of **CLASS PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO POSTPONE SUMMARY JUDGMENT HEARING ON TRACK 1 BY SIX BUSINESS DAYS** to be served on all counsel of record by causing same to be posted electronically via Lexis-Nexis File & Serve.

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